

§154. Records open to inspection; copying; exception

A. The records of each registrar are public records and at all times during office hours shall be open to inspection, except the early voting applications of voters.

B. When twenty-five or more qualified voters of a parish request in writing that the registrar permit the copying of any part of his records, except the early voting applications of voters, he shall allow this to be done by hand or otherwise, if so requested, unless such reproduction seriously interferes with the registration of voters or otherwise seriously interferes with the performance of the duties imposed on his office by law. In such instances, the registrar shall cause his employees to make copies of the requested records or print the information electronically, if the electronic copy contains the same information, and deliver them to the voters or request the secretary of state to reproduce such records which may then be forwarded to the registrar for delivery to the voters. Copying by the registrar or his employees or the secretary of state or printing an electronic copy shall be done in the presence of a representative of the requesting voters, if they so request.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, neither the registrar nor the Department of State shall disclose the social security number, driver's license number, day and month of the date of birth, or mother's maiden name of a registered voter or circulate the social security numbers, driver's license numbers, day and month of the dates of birth, or mother's maiden names of registered voters on commercial lists, except when voter registration data is transmitted to the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the purposes of verifying the accuracy and authenticity of the social security number, driver's license number, or full date of birth provided by the voter.

D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the registrar shall not disclose the name and address of a law enforcement officer, other than on a general list, if he has received certification from the law enforcement agency employing the officer that the officer is engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the Department of State shall not disclose the name and address of a law enforcement officer, other than on a general list, if the secretary of state has received certification from the law enforcement agency employing the officer that the officer is engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential.

(3) Any agency employing a law enforcement officer availing himself of Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection shall also issue decertification notices to the registrar of voters and the secretary of state when the officer is no longer engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section or any other law to the contrary, the registrar of voters shall allow inspection of voter registration applications or copies thereof. However, information relating to a particular individual's declination to register to vote or information relating to the specific public assistance agency or motor

vehicle office through which a particular individual registered to vote shall be confidential and shall not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar shall not disclose the name and physical address of a program participant in the Department of State Address Confidentiality Program, as provided in R.S. 44:51 et seq.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the Department of State shall not disclose the name and physical address of a program participant in the Department of State Address Confidentiality Program, as provided in R.S. 44:51 et seq.

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